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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, December 4, 2014.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Brian N. Calley.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the Senate, who announced that a quorum was present.

Ananich—present
Anderson—present
Bieda—present
Booher—present
Brandenburg—present
Casperson—present
Caswell—present
Colbeck—present
Emmons—present
Green—present
Gregory—present
Hansen—present
Hildenbrand—present

Hood—present
Hopgood—present
Hune—present
Hunter—present
Jansen—present
Johnson—present
Jones—present
Kahn—present
Kowall—present
Marleau—present
Meekhof—present
Moolenaar—present
Nofs—present

Pappageorge—present
Pavlov—present
Proos—present
Richardville—present
Robertson—present
Rocca—present
Schuitmaker—present
Smith—present
Walker—present
Warren—present
Whitmer—present
Young—present

Senator Howard C. Walker of the 37th District offered the following invocation:

Heavenly Father, we thank You again for this beautiful day that You've allowed us to enjoy and allowed us to work in. We thank You for this opportunity to serve the citizens of Michigan.

We also thank You for the wisdom You've given us so that we might serve the citizens of Michigan on a path that You've laid out for us. We ask that You provide us with this wisdom, and allow us to see the clarity that You've laid out in this path.

Heavenly Father, we ask that You be with the families of all the legislators and staff here who are away from their families doing the citizens' work. Allow them to understand the responsibilities that they bear. Allow them to be that family who continues Your work through their work.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

Senators Proos, Emmons, Gregory and Hood entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communication was received and read: Office of the Auditor General

December 2, 2014

Enclosed is a copy of the following Preliminary Survey Summary: Medicaid Customer Service Division, Department of Community Health.

> Sincerely, Doug Ringler Auditor General

The preliminary survey summary was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, December 4: **House Bill Nos.** 4206 5179 5582 5585

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, December 3, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos.	1151	1152	1153	1154										
House Bill Nos.	5975	5976	5977	5978	5979	5980	5981	5982	5983	5984	5985	5986	5987	5988
	5989	5990	5991	5992	5993	5994	5995	5996	5997	5998	5999	6000	6001	6002
	6003	6004	6005	6006	6007	6008	6009	6010	6011	6012	6013	6014	6015	6016
	6017	6018	6019	6020	6021	6022	6023	6024	6025	6026	6027	6028	6029	6030
	6031	6032	6033	6034	6035	6036	6037	6038	6039	6040	6041	6042	6043	6044
	6045	6046	6047	6048	6049	6050	6051	6052	6053	6054	6055	6056	6057	6058
	6059	6060	6061	6062	6063	6064	6065	6066	6067	6068	6069	6070	6071	6072
	6073	6074	6075											

Senator Hopgood moved that Senators Hunter, Johnson, Warren and Young be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof moved that Senators Brandenburg, Casperson, Kowall, Robertson, Schuitmaker and Hansen be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senator Hood admittance to the Senate floor.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Pursuant to rule 3.506, Senator Richardville submitted a statement in writing for inclusion in today's Journal. Senator Richardville's statement is as follows:

LET IT BE KNOWN, Steve Hawkins began his employment with the Michigan Senate in 1992 serving as the day-shift Farnum Security Officer. Steve was an immediate fit with Senators and staff alike, quickly earning a reputation for both his knowledge and friendliness.

Recognizing Steve's talent for rapidly changing technology, Chief Sergeant at Arms Michael Ferland tapped him for administrative support in 2002. In this position, Steve's keen sense of security issues combined with a thorough understanding of the Farnum Building proved invaluable during the course of several large projects. Just as our national security was being drastically overhauled in the wake of terrorist attacks, so, too, were the security enhancements, policies, and procedures at the state level. Secure work environments were paramount, and we were grateful to have had Steve committed to this process. His knack for technology and security awareness made Steve an asset during the development and implementation of several initiatives. His contributions included the building card access and voice access systems, as well as camera security. Steve was considered a valuable team member, and, as such, his abilities continued to be called on.

Steve gave vigilant attention to all procedures, deadlines, and requirements necessary for Senate Police Sergeants to maintain the highest standards and certifications of their profession. His years of careful scheduling ensured the proper rotation of Senate personnel through many work locations within several buildings. Steve's dedicated work on Senate policies, procedures, guidelines, and manuals for the Senate Security Division displayed an unyielding commitment to his employer. This commitment was evident throughout his employment with the Senate, but pointedly obvious when Steve became a training instructor for first aid, CPR, and emergency medical response. Serving in this capacity, Steve's vast skill set and good-natured personality were apparent to all as he trained Senate Sergeants, Senate personnel, and Legislative Service Bureau employees in the important areas of medical preparedness. Steve was most often the first responder to calls for assistance from Senators, staff, and members of the public. Always calm, he monitored and assured individuals waiting for emergency personnel to arrive.

In addition to his security responsibilities, Steve has been in charge of recruiting and coordinating schedules for Senate pages, couriers, and messengers. He has trained and monitored their work to assure their responsibilities are carried out with promptness, courtesy, and respect. The talents, skills, and contributions of Steve Hawkins have been significant to the Michigan Senate, and his services have been a benefit to all who have worked here during his tenure.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to thank Steve Hawkins for his 22 years of service to the Michigan State Senate and the state of Michigan. We extend our best wishes to Steve on his retirement and hope he and his wife Pam enjoy much health and happiness in the future.

Senators Schuitmaker, Robertson and Hansen entered the Senate Chamber.

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:06 a.m.

10:51 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

During the recess, Senators Casperson, Kowall, Warren, Hunter and Brandenburg entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Meekhof moved that rule 2.106 be suspended to allow committees to meet during Senate session. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Meekhof moved that the Committee on Government Operations be discharged from further consideration of the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 317, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 1076.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, and the bill was placed on the order of General Orders.

Senator Meekhof moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of General Orders, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

Senate Bill No. 317

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Meekhof moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

Senate Bill No. 1075

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Messages from the Governor

The following bill was announced:

Senate Bill No. 781, entitled

An act to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2015; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

(For veto message, see Senate Journal No. 76, p. 1969.)

The question being on the passage of the vetoed line item, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, Senator Meekhof moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion prevailed.

Messages from the House

Senator Meekhof moved that consideration of the following bill be postponed for today:

House Bill No. 4369

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 664, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 148, entitled "Debt management act," by amending the title and sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 26 (MCL 451.412, 451.414, 451.415, 451.416, 451.421, 451.422, 451.423, 451.424, 451.425, 451.426, 451.427, 451.428, 451.429, 451.430, and 451.436), sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 as amended by 2000 PA 255.

Substitute (H-1).

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 706 Yeas—27

Ananich	Green	Jones	Pappageorge
Booher	Gregory	Kahn	Pavlov
Brandenburg	Hansen	Kowall	Proos
Casperson	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Richardville
Caswell	Hune	Meekhof	Robertson
Colbeck	Hunter	Moolenaar	Walker
Emmons	Jansen	Nofs	

Nays—9

Anderson	Hopgood	Schuitmaker	Warren
Bieda	Rocca	Smith	Whitmer

Hood

Excused—2

Johnson Young

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the title as amended.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 880, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 18223 (MCL 333.18223), as amended by 2010 PA 121.

Substitute (H-1).

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 707 Yeas—36

Ananich	Green	Jones	Proos
Anderson	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Bieda	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Booher	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Brandenburg	Hood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Casperson	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Smith
Caswell	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Colbeck	Hunter	Pappageorge	Warren
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Whitmer

Nays—0

Excused—2

Johnson Young

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, designated Senator Casperson as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 317, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 1076.

The bill was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: Senate Bill No. 74, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1310b (MCL 380.1310b), as added by 2011 PA 241.

Substitute (S-2).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: **House Bill No. 4890, entitled**

A bill to amend 1968 PA 251, entitled "Cemetery regulation act," (MCL 456.521 to 456.543) by adding section 17. Substitute (S-2).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: Senate Bill No. 1075, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 1278 and 1279g (MCL 380.1278 and 380.1279g), section 1278 as amended by 2004 PA 596 and section 1279g as amended by 2008 PA 349, and by adding section 1168.

Substitute (S-3).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Senator Meekhof moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on their immediate passage:

Senate Bill No. 1075 Senate Bill No. 317

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Meekhof moved that the following bills be placed at the head of the Third Reading of Bills calendar:

House Bill No. 4998

Senate Bill No. 994

Senate Bill No. 995

Senate Bill No. 996

Senate Bill No. 997

Senate Bill No. 961

Senate Bill No. 983 Senate Bill No. 984 Senate Bill No. 985 Senate Bill No. 1134 Senate Bill No. 1135 Senate Bill No. 1075 Senate Bill No. 317 The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4998, entitled

A bill to establish a pilot project to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation by establishing entrepreneur-in-residence positions in the strategic fund.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Recess

Yeas-30

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 11:11 a.m.

11:19 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 708

Ananich	Hansen	Marleau	Richardville
Anderson	Hildenbrand	Meekhof	Robertson
Bieda	Hood	Moolenaar	Rocca
Booher	Hopgood	Nofs	Smith
Casperson	Hunter	Pappageorge	Walker
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Warren
Green Gregory	Jones Kowall	Proos	Whitmer

Nays—6

Brandenburg Colbeck Kahn Schuitmaker Caswell Hune

Excused—2

Johnson Young

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 994, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled "Probate code of 1939," (MCL 710.21 to 712B.41) by adding section 21a to chapter XIIA.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 709 Yeas—35

Ananich	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Anderson	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Booher	Hood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Smith
Casperson	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Colbeck	Hunter	Pappageorge	Warren
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Whitmer
Green	Jones	Proos	

Nays—1

Caswell

Excused—2

Johnson Young

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Young entered the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 995, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled "Foster care and adoption services act," by amending sections 2 and 4a (MCL 722.952 and 722.954a), section 2 as amended by 1997 PA 172 and section 4a as amended by 2010 PA 265.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 710

Yeas—37

Ananich Gregory Kahn Richardville Anderson Hansen Kowall Robertson Bieda Hildenbrand Marleau Rocca Meekhof Schuitmaker Booher Hood Brandenburg Hopgood Moolenaar Smith Hune Walker Casperson Nofs Caswell Hunter Pappageorge Warren Colbeck Jansen Pavlov Whitmer **Emmons** Jones Proos Young Green

Nays—0

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 996, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled "Probate code of 1939," by amending sections 13a and 18f of chapter XIIA (MCL 712A.13a and 712A.18f), section 13a as amended by 2012 PA 163 and section 18f as amended by 2012 PA 115. The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 711

Yeas—37

Ananich Kahn Richardville Gregory Anderson Robertson Hansen Kowall Bieda Hildenbrand Marleau Rocca Booher Hood Meekhof Schuitmaker Brandenburg Hopgood Moolenaar Smith Casperson Hune Nofs Walker Caswell Hunter Pappageorge Warren Colbeck Jansen Pavlov Whitmer **Emmons** Jones Proos Young Green

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 997, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled "Probate code of 1939," by amending sections 13a and 18 of chapter XIIA (MCL 712A.13a and 712A.18), section 13a as amended by 2012 PA 163 and section 18 as amended by 2011 PA 295.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 712

Yeas—35

Ananich	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Anderson	Hansen	Kowall	Rocca
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Booher	Hood	Meekhof	Smith
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Walker
Casperson	Hune	Nofs	Warren
Colbeck	Hunter	Pappageorge	Whitmer
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Young
Green	Jones	Proos	_

Nays—2

Caswell Robertson

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 961, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 106a (MCL 400.106a), as amended by 2012 PA 356.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 713

Yeas—37

Richardville Ananich Gregory Kahn Anderson Hansen Kowall Robertson Bieda Hildenbrand Marleau Rocca Booher Hood Meekhof Schuitmaker Brandenburg Hopgood Moolenaar Smith Casperson Hune Nofs Walker Caswell Hunter Pappageorge Warren Pavlov Whitmer Colbeck Jansen **Emmons** Jones Proos Young Green

Nays—0

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 983, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending sections 103, 316, and 2404b (MCL 339.103, 339.316, and 339.2404b), section 103 as amended by 1994 PA 257, section 316 as amended by 1998 PA 90, and section 2404b as amended by 2014 PA 175, and by adding article 14A; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 714

Yeas—36

Richardville Ananich Gregory Kahn Anderson Hansen Kowall Robertson Bieda Hildenbrand Marleau Rocca Meekhof Schuitmaker Booher Hood Brandenburg Hopgood Moolenaar Smith Casperson Hune Nofs Walker Colbeck Hunter Pappageorge Warren **Emmons** Jansen Pavlov Whitmer Green Jones Proos Young

Nays—1

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 984, entitled

A bill to amend 1968 PA 330, entitled "Private security business and security alarm act," by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 25, 26, 29, 31, and 33 (MCL 338.1052, 338.1053, 338.1054, 338.1055, 338.1056, 338.1058, 338.1059, 338.1060, 338.1061, 338.1063, 338.1064, 338.1065, 338.1065, 338.1066, 338.1067, 338.1068, 338.1072, 338.1075, 338.1076, 338.1079, 338.1081, and 338.1083), the title and sections 3, 4, 8, 14, 17, 25, and 29 as amended by 2010 PA 68, section 2 as amended by 2012 PA 581, sections 6 and 9 as amended by 2014 PA 128, sections 10, 13, 18, and 31 as amended by 2002 PA 473, section 11 as amended by 2004 PA 270, and sections 22 and 33 as amended by 2000 PA 411, and by adding section 15a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Yeas—36

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 715

Ananich	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Anderson	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Booher	Hood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Smith
Casperson	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Colbeck	Hunter	Pappageorge	Warren
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Whitmer
Green	Jones	Proos	Young

Nays—1

Caswell

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 985, entitled

A bill to amend 2012 PA 580, entitled "Security alarm systems act," by amending section 2 (MCL 338.2182). The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 716 Yeas—36

Ananich	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Anderson	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Booher	Hood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Smith
Casperson	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Colbeck	Hunter	Pappageorge	Warren
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Whitmer
Green	Jones	Proos	Young

Nays—1

Caswell

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 986, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 152, entitled "State license fee act," (MCL 338.2201 to 338.2277) by adding section 33. The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 717 Yeas—22

Ananich	Hopgood	Marleau	Smith
Anderson	Hunter	Meekhof	Walker
Bieda	Jansen	Nofs	Warren
Booher	Jones	Richardville	Whitmer
Gregory	Kahn	Rocca	Young
Hood	Kowall		

Nays—15

Brandenburg Emmons Hune Proos
Casperson Green Moolenaar Robertson
Caswell Hansen Pappageorge Schuitmaker
Colbeck Hildenbrand Pavlov

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1134, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 20135. The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 718 Yeas—37

Ananich Gregory Kahn Richardville Hansen Kowall Anderson Robertson Bieda Hildenbrand Marleau Rocca Booher Hood Meekhof Schuitmaker Brandenburg Hopgood Moolenaar Smith Casperson Hune Nofs Walker Caswell Warren Hunter Pappageorge Colbeck Whitmer Pavlov Jansen **Emmons** Jones Proos Young Green

Nays—0

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1135, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 710d (MCL 257.710d), as amended by 2009 PA 57; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 719 Yeas—36

Ananich Gregory Kahn Richardville Anderson Kowall Robertson Hansen Bieda Hildenbrand Marleau Rocca Meekhof Schuitmaker Booher Hood Moolenaar Brandenburg Hopgood Smith Casperson Hune Nofs Walker Caswell Hunter Pappageorge Warren Colbeck Jansen Pavlov Whitmer **Emmons** Jones Proos Young

Nays—1

Green

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1075, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 1278 and 1279g (MCL 380.1278 and 380.1279g), section 1278 as amended by 2004 PA 596 and section 1279g as amended by 2008 PA 349, and by adding section 1168.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 720 Yeas—37

Ananich Gregory Kahn Richardville Anderson Hansen Kowall Robertson Bieda Hildenbrand Marleau Rocca Schuitmaker Booher Hood Meekhof Brandenburg Hopgood Moolenaar Smith Hune Walker Casperson Nofs Caswell Hunter Pappageorge Warren Colbeck Jansen Pavlov Whitmer **Emmons** Jones Proos Young Green

Nays—0

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 317, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 1076.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 721 Yeas—37

Ananich Gregory Kahn Richardville Anderson Kowall Robertson Hansen Bieda Hildenbrand Marleau Rocca Booher Hood Meekhof Schuitmaker Hopgood Moolenaar Smith Brandenburg Walker Casperson Hune Nofs Caswell Warren Hunter Pappageorge Colbeck Pavlov Whitmer Jansen **Emmons** Jones Proos Young Green

Nays—0

Excused—1

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 275, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 57z.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title. Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

Senate Bill No. 520, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 165 (MCL 750.165), as amended by 2004 PA 570.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

Senate Bill No. 521, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 295, entitled "Support and parenting time enforcement act," by amending sections 31, 32, 33, 37, 44, and 45 (MCL 552.631, 552.632, 552.633, 552.637, 552.644, and 552.645), sections 31, 33, 44, and 45 as amended by 2009 PA 193, section 32 as amended by 2002 PA 567, and section 37 as amended by 1999 PA 160, and by adding section 36; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-2) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-2), ordered that it be given immediate effect and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1982 PA 295, entitled "An act to provide for and to supplement statutes that provide for the provisions and enforcement of support, health care, and parenting time orders with respect to divorce, separate maintenance, paternity, child custody and support, and spousal support; to prescribe and authorize certain provisions of those orders; to prescribe the powers and duties of the circuit court and friend of the court; to prescribe certain duties of certain employers and other sources of income; to provide for penalties and remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 3, 31, 32, 33, 37, 44, and 45 (MCL 552.603, 552.631, 552.632, 552.633, 552.637, 552.644, and 552.645), sections 3, 31, 33, 44, and 45 as amended by 2009 PA 193, section 32 as amended by 2002 PA 567, and section 37 as amended by 1999 PA 160, and by adding section 36; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

Senate Bill No. 522, entitled

A bill to amend 1952 PA 8, entitled "Revised uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act," by repealing sections 14a and 23 (MCL 780.164a and 780.173).

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

Senate Bill No. 526, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 295, entitled "Support and parenting time enforcement act," by amending section 5d (MCL 552.605d), as amended by 2009 PA 193.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

Senate Bill No. 529, entitled

A bill to amend 1971 PA 174, entitled "Office of child support act," by amending section 3 (MCL 400.233), as amended by 2009 PA 238.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

Senate Bill No. 530, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 294, entitled "Friend of the court act," by amending sections 9, 12, 13, 15, 22, and 26 (MCL 552.509, 552.512, 552.513, 552.515, 552.522, and 552.526), section 9 as amended by 2004 PA 210, section 12 as amended by 1996 PA 276, sections 13 and 15 as amended by 2009 PA 233, and section 26 as amended by 2002 PA 571.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

Senate Bill No. 712, entitled

A bill to amend 2010 PA 259, entitled "Michigan and Indiana state line monumentation act," by amending section 15 (MCL 54.305).

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

House Bill No. 4118, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "An act to protect the welfare of the people of this state; to provide general assistance, hospitalization, infirmary and medical care to poor or unfortunate persons; to provide for compliance by this state with the social security act; to provide protection, welfare and services to aged persons, dependent children, the blind, and the permanently and totally disabled; to administer programs and services for the prevention and treatment of delinquency, dependency and neglect of children; to create a state department of social services; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department; to provide for the interstate and intercounty transfer of dependents; to create county and district departments of social services; to create within certain county departments, bureaus of social aid and certain divisions and offices thereunder; to prescribe the powers and duties of the departments, bureaus and officers; to provide for appeals in certain cases; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department with respect to county and district departments; to prescribe certain duties of certain other state departments, officers, and agencies; to make an appropriation; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 57y.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-3) the Senate substitute (S-1).

The House of Representatives has concurred in the Senate substitute (S-1) as substituted (H-3) and agreed to the full title.

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

Recess

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:52 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess and was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

During the recess, Senator Johnson entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

General Orders

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, designated Senator Casperson as Chairperson. After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 1073, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 22201, 22207, 22209, 22211, 22213, 22215, and 22219 (MCL 333.22201, 333.22207, 333.22209, 333.22211, 333.22213, 333.22215, and 333.22219), section 22201 as added by 1988 PA 332, sections 22207, 22209, 22213, and 22215 as amended and section 22219 as added by 2002 PA 619, and section 22211 as amended by 2014 PA 107.

Substitute (S-2).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Senator Meekhof moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on its immediate passage at the head of the Third Reading of Bills calendar:

Senate Bill No. 1073

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1073, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 22201, 22207, 22209, 22213, 22215, and 22219 (MCL 333.22201, 333.22207, 333.22209, 333.22213, 333.22215, and 333.22219), section 22201 as added by 1988 PA 332 and sections 22207, 22209, 22213, and 22215 as amended and section 22219 as added by 2002 PA 619.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was defeated, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 722 Yeas—11

Ananich	Green	Meekhof	Richardville
Brandenburg	Kowall	Nofs	Walker
Casperson	Marleau	Pavlov	

Nays—26

Anderson	Hansen	Jones	Rocca
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Kahn	Schuitmaker
Booher	Hood	Moolenaar	Smith
Caswell	Hopgood	Pappageorge	Warren
Colbeck	Hune	Proos	Whitmer
Emmons	Jansen	Robertson	Young
Gregory	Johnson		

Excused—0

Not Voting—1

Hunter

In The Chair: President

Protest

Senator Kahn, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 1073.

Senator Kahn's statement is as follows:

It should be understood by all in the chamber that Certificate of Need has considerable areas for improvement. The Majority Leader's office has remarked on this. The Majority Floor Leader's office has remarked on this. Though in this particular instance, with this particular vote, I was not supportive, but I am supportive of the efforts on the part of leadership to improve Certificate of Need. It's my hope that during the next session—though I will no longer be here—that Certificate of Need will be closely looked at from the point of view of encouraging competition while maintaining cost effectiveness.

You need look no further than the multiple handouts that we've all received for and against this particular bill to find the areas of disconnect and the areas where we need to further look at this important subject.

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 2:10 p.m.

2:24 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Meekhof moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

Senate Bill No. 247

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

General Orders

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, designated Senator Casperson as Chairperson. After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 1077, entitled

A bill to amend 2005 PA 92, entitled "School bond qualification, approval, and loan act," by amending sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 16 (MCL 388.1923, 388.1924, 388.1925, 388.1926, 388.1927, 388.1928, 388.1929, 388.1931, 388.1932, 388.1934, and 388.1936), sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 16 as amended by 2012 PA 437. Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: Senate Bill No. 247, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 1114 (MCL 436.2114), as amended by 2011 PA 27, and by adding section 1116.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Senator Meekhof moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on its immediate passage at the head of the Third Reading of Bills calendar:

Senate Bill No. 247

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 247, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 1114 (MCL 436.2114), as amended by 2011 PA 27, and by adding section 1116.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was defeated, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 723 Yeas—18

Ananich	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Anderson	Hunter	Richardville	Warren
Colbeck	Johnson	Rocca	Whitmer
Gregory	Kowall	Smith	Young
Hopgood	Meekhof		

Nays—19

Bieda	Green	Jones	Pavlov
Booher	Hansen	Kahn	Proos
Casperson	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Robertson
Caswell	Hood	Moolenaar	Schuitmaker
Emmons	Jansen	Pappageorge	

Excused—0

Not Voting—1

Brandenburg

In The Chair: President

Senator Meekhof moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was defeated.

The question being on the motion to reconsider,

Senator Meekhof moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed temporarily.

The motion prevailed.

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 2:32 p.m.

3:04 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

Senator Meekhof moved that Senator Brandenburg be excused from the balance of today's session. The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to consideration of the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 247, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 1114 (MCL 436.2114), as amended by 2011 PA 27, and by adding section 1116.

(This bill was defeated earlier today and the motion to reconsider the vote postponed. See p. 2017.)

The question being on the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was defeated,

The motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 724

Yeas-22

Ananich	Hildenbrand	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Anderson	Hopgood	Nofs	Smith
Casperson	Hune	Richardville	Walker
Caswell	Jansen	Robertson	Warren
Colbeck	Johnson	Rocca	Whitmer
Gregory	Kowall		

Nays—14

Bieda	Hansen	Kahn	Pappageorge
Booher	Hood	Marleau	Pavlov
Emmons	Hunter	Moolenaar	Proos
Green	Jones		

Excused—1

Brandenburg

Not Voting—1

Young

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Emmons, Schuitmaker, Richardville, Meekhof, Jansen, Pappageorge, Nofs, Moolenaar, Walker, Casperson, Colbeck, Marleau, Green, Hansen, Brandenburg, Robertson, Jones, Proos, Kowall, Pavlov, Booher, Hildenbrand, Hune, Caswell, Kahn and Hunter introduced

Senate Bill No. 1156, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 213a. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Schuitmaker, Emmons, Richardville, Meekhof, Jansen, Pappageorge, Nofs, Moolenaar, Walker, Casperson, Colbeck, Marleau, Green, Hansen, Brandenburg, Robertson, Jones, Proos, Kowall, Pavlov, Booher, Hildenbrand, Hune, Caswell, Kahn and Hunter introduced

Senate Bill No. 1157, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16*l* of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16*l*), as amended by 2011 PA 202.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Kahn introduced

Senate Bill No. 1158, entitled

A bill to amend 2012 PA 101, entitled "Autism coverage reimbursement act," by amending section 3 (MCL 550.1833). The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senator Richardville introduced

Senate Bill No. 1159, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 613a (MCL 168.613a), as amended by 2011 PA 163.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

Senator Richardville introduced

Senate Bill No. 1160, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 641 (MCL 168.641), as amended by 2005 PA 71.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 1161, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 547. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 1162, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 11d of chapter XVII (MCL 777.11d), as amended by 2012 PA 278.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 1163, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 957 (MCL 168.957).

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 1164, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 488 (MCL 168.488), as added by 1998 PA 142.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 1165, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 590f (MCL 168.590f), as amended by 2002 PA 163.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 1166, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 685 (MCL 168.685), as amended by 2002 PA 399.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 1167, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 544c (MCL 168.544c), as amended by 2014 PA 94.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

House Bill No. 4206, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 11 of chapter II (MCL 762.11), as amended by 2004 PA 239.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5179, entitled

A bill to authorize the state administrative board to convey certain parcels of state-owned property in Wayne county; to prescribe conditions for the conveyance; to provide for certain powers and duties of certain state departments and local units of government in regard to the property; and to provide for disposition of revenue derived from the conveyance.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill No. 5582, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 13 of chapter II (MCL 762.13), as amended by 2004 PA 239.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5585, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 12 of chapter II (MCL 762.12), as amended by 1994 PA 286.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess until 4:00 p.m.

The motion prevailed, the time being 3:11 p.m.

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess and was called to order by the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Hansen.

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 4:01 p.m.

4:49 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Hansen.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Meekhof moved that the Committee on Regulatory Reform be discharged from further consideration of the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 1138, entitled

A bill to amend 1917 PA 273, entitled "An act to regulate and license pawnbrokers in certain governmental units of this state; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain local governmental units and state agencies," by amending sections 8 and 9 (MCL 446.208 and 446.209), section 8 as amended by 2002 PA 469 and section 9 as amended by 2004 PA 585.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, and the bill was placed on the order of General Orders.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

Senator Johnson asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson's statement is as follows:

I've been pondering for some time the notion of Mike Brown and Trayvon Martin and, now, Eric Garner's death; what it means for young black men across the United States. As a father of young black men, I cringe at the notion that a part of our existence here in America must be cloaked in an almost separate and oftentimes impromptu education regarding our interactions with law enforcement and government alike. It's degrading, it's disgusting, and it's devoid, in my opinion, of any of the promises that America holds sacred for the vast majority of those living within our borders.

In many instances, even immigrants seeking either residency or asylum in this country are treated to a better standard of living, while a whole section of our society exists in the outskirts of that very dream so many believe in in our country. The sad truth, Mr. President, is that racism, classism, and the wanton disregard for the value of black male life has created a vacuum in which both the crime of murder and the subsequent vilification of the victim all occur simultaneously.

American media is as culpable in furtherance of this vicious cycle of violence perpetrated against some of America's finest citizens, mind you, as any other entity or person. America's greatest, most consistent sin remains the racist slant and double standard by which blacks and people of color are subjected to and judged by. Is there ever a difference between Trayvon, Michael, Eric Garner, or our beloved President Barack Obama, when along the spectrum of their individual existences, each is regarded by some of America as the problem?

It begs the question as to what constitutes full and complete residency in America, and by what standard does one earn the respect of the establishment? Is the establishment even capable of offering that same respect? What exactly is required to insulate black men from the ugliest of prejudices that this country boasts today?

Racism is eating this country alive, while other industrial nations have long ago decided to transcend this problem and progress toward a better society. Racism has grown deep roots within our society; enough to strangle out economic opportunity for all; enough to estrange and impoverish black and brown citizens from any of the amendatory clauses of our heralded Constitution; enough to drive the wages of our most vulnerable within the workforce to unthinkable lows;

enough to attempt time and again the repeal of one of America's most promising public policies, the Affordable Care Act; enough to feed the exploding privatized beast of the criminal justice system, further criminalizing citizens to a place of oblivion; enough to recuse itself from providing a high-quality education to all its students across America and, instead, create for it a profit model controlled by the ultra rich; enough to regard citizen individuals as not being qualified for full participation in America based on their sexual orientation. America, in her importance to the world, I would argue, deserves a much better narrative.

Yet there's still some modicum of hope, some semblance of an opportunity to turn the table on this despicable notion of racial inferiority complex. In the coming months, I'm going to invite a number of men and women of good rapport to lead a conference to face down and, once and for all, confront America's metastasizing, cancerous condition known as racism.

Detroit, Michigan, should be front and center in this debate. Our place at the table has been fortified over the years, and we're home to one of the most segregated regions in the country. I think it's our turn to lead on this issue. I think it's our turn to show the rest of the country that we know how to transcend this ugliness and that we can be a much better people.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Eric Garner, who was recently killed by police in Staten Island, New York.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Finance reported

House Bill No. 4882, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 78h (MCL 211.78h), as amended by 2001 PA 96, and by adding section 78q.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Jack M. Brandenburg Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Jansen, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

House Bill No. 4920, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 6 (MCL 205.56), as amended by 2012 PA 458.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Jack M. Brandenburg Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Navs: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

House Bill No. 4921, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," by amending section 6 (MCL 205.96), as amended by 2012 PA 585. With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Jack M. Brandenburg Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

House Bill No. 5182, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7kk (MCL 211.7kk), as added by 2006 PA 612.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Jack M. Brandenburg Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos and Robertson

Nays: Senators Bieda and Warren

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

House Bill No. 5398, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 78r. With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Jack M. Brandenburg Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 12:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Brandenburg (C), Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

The Committee on Education reported

Senate Bill No. 1075, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 1278 and 1279g (MCL 380.1278 and 380.1279g), section 1278 as amended by 2004 PA 596 and section 1279g as amended by 2008 PA 349, and by adding section 1168.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-3) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Phillip J. Pavlov Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood and Young

Navs: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 12:00 noon, Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood and Young

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 1094, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled "Mental health code," by amending section 208 (MCL 330.1208), as amended by 2012 PA 500.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Judith K. Emmons Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 4493, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending sections 2, 3, and 12b (MCL 722.622, 722.623, and 722.632b), section 2 as amended by 2004 PA 563, section 3 as amended by 2008 PA 510, and section 12b as added by 2012 PA 593.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Judith K. Emmons Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 5338, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending section 7 (MCL 722.627), as amended by 2014 PA 30.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Judith K. Emmons Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 5341, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 64 (MCL 400.64), as amended by 1985 PA 140.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Judith K. Emmons Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Rocca and Nofs

Navs: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

The Committee on Economic Development reported

Senate Bill No. 658, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," (MCL 205.51 to 205.78) by adding section 3a.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michael W. Kowall Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Nofs, Emmons, Smith and Ananich

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Economic Development reported

Senate Bill No. 659, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," (MCL 205.91 to 205.111) by adding section 3g.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michael W. Kowall Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Nofs, Emmons, Smith and Ananich

Navs: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Economic Development reported

House Bill No. 4480, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," by amending sections 9 and 88c (MCL 125.2009 and 125.2088c), as amended by 2012 PA 145.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michael W. Kowall Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith and Ananich

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Economic Development reported

House Bill No. 4481, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," by amending sections 88k and 88n (MCL 125.2088k and 125.2088n), section 88k as amended by 2012 PA 145 and section 88n as added by 2005 PA 215.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michael W. Kowall Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith and Ananich

Navs: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Economic Development reported

House Bill No. 4482, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," by amending section 7 (MCL 125.2007), as amended by 2005 PA 225; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michael W. Kowall Chairperson To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Smith and Ananich

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Economic Development reported

House Bill No. 4783, entitled

A bill to amend 2010 PA 275, entitled "Next Michigan development act," by amending section 5 (MCL 125.2955), as amended by 2013 PA 238.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michael W. Kowall Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith and Ananich

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Economic Development submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith and Ananich

The Committee on Regulatory Reform reported

Senate Bill No. 247, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 1114 (MCL 436.2114), as amended by 2011 PA 27, and by adding section 1116.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Tory Rocca Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Rocca, Hune, Meekhof and Warren

Nays: Senators Jones and Pavlov

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Regulatory Reform submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Rocca (C), Jones, Hune, Meekhof, Pavlov and Warren

Excused: Senator Johnson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education submitted the following:

Joint meeting held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building Present: Senators Walker (C), Caswell, Pappageorge and Hopgood

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Retirement submitted the following:

Joint meeting held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Jansen (C), Caswell and Colbeck

Excused: Senator Hood

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes submitted the following: Meeting held on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building Present: Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof and Warren

Excused: Senators Green and Hood

The President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, assumed the Chair.

Scheduled Meetings

Administrative Rules - Thursday, December 11, 9:00 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-5773)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, December 9, 10:00 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate adjourn. The motion prevailed, the time being 5:06 p.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI Secretary of the Senate